

Subsequently, S. 1206 was indefinitely postponed.

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**J.J. "Jake" Pickle Federal Building:** Senate passed S. 559, to designate the Federal building located at 33 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building".

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**Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1259, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 170), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on H.R. 1259 (listed above).

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**National Defense Authorization Act:** Senate disagreed to the House amendment to S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Warner, Thurmond, McCain, Smith (of N.H.), Inhofe, Santorum, Snowe, Roberts, Allard, Hutchinson, Sessions, Levin, Kennedy, Bingaman, Byrd, Robb, Lieberman, Cleland, Landrieu, and Reed.

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**Y2K Act—Conferees:** Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 775, to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000 (as passed by the Senate on June 15, 1999), requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Senators McCain, Stevens, Burns, Gorton, Hollings, Kerry, and Wyden; from the Committee on the Judiciary: Senators Hatch, Thurmond, and Leahy; and from the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problems: Senators Bennett and Dodd.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Thomas J. Erickson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures

Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 2003.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—173)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:47 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 17, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7160.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on issues relating to prostate cancer research activities, after receiving testimony from Harold E. Varmus, Director, and Richard D. Klausner, Director, National Cancer Institute, both of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; former Senator Dole; Christopher J. Logothetis, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston; Michael Milken, Association for the Cure of Cancer of the Prostate, Santa Monica, California; and Joe Torre, New York Yankees, New York, New York.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 762, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on the inclusion of the Miami Circle in Biscayne National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 140, to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System, with amendments;

S. 734, the "National Discovery Trails Act of 1999", with amendments;

S. 938, to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park;

S. 939, to correct spelling errors in the statutory designations of Hawaiian National Parks, with amendments;

S. 946, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center, with an amendment;

S. 955, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation, with amendments;

H.R. 459, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project;

S. 1027, to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy; and

An original bill to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel pending completion of the nuclear waste repository, in lieu of S. 608.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 1833, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the United States Customs Service for drug interdiction and other operations, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, for the United States International Trade Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill to eradicate the overcapacity in the global steel industry caused by factors such as market barriers overseas, anticompetitive behavior, subsidization and unstable currency management.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Mark Wylea Erwin, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros and as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic

of Kenya, Christopher E. Goldthwait, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, Joyce E. Leader, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Bismarck Myrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, David B. Dunn, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, and Michael D. Metelits, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Erwin was introduced by Senator Helms and Mr. Goldthwait was introduced by Representative Fowler.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Marsha L. Berzon, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Robert A. Katzmman, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Keith P. Ellison, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Gary Allen Feess, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, W. Allen Pepper Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, Karen E. Schreier, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, Stefan R. Underhill, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and T. John Ward, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Berzon was introduced by Senators Feinstein, Boxer, Schumer, and Moynihan, Mr. Katzmman was introduced by Senators Schumer and Moynihan, Mr. Ellison and Mr. Ward were introduced by Senator Hutchison, Mr. Feess was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Mr. Pepper was introduced by Senators Lott and Cochran, Ms. Schreier was introduced by Senators Daschle and Johnson, and Mr. Underhill was introduced by Senators Dodd and Lieberman.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 28, to authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 400, to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to improve the delivery of housing assistance to Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 401, to provide for business development and trade promotion for native Americans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 613, to encourage Indian economic development, to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 614, to provide for regulatory reform in order to encourage investment, business, and economic development with respect to activities conducted on Indian lands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 944, to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 2235-2250; 1 private bill, H.R. 2251; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 134-135, and H. Res. 211-215, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** One report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 592, to redesignate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills," amended (H. Rept. 106-188)

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Steve Planning, S.J. of Alexandria, Virginia.

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**Child Safety and Protection Act:** The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 1501, to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders. Consideration will resume on June 17.

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Agreed to:

The Kucinich amendment that provides assistance to states in establishing and maintaining the records of violent juvenile offenders;

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The Hutchinson amendment that authorizes block grant funding for restorative justice programs;

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The Dreier amendment that authorizes block grant funding for anti-gang programs;

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The Capuano amendment that authorizes block grant funding for state and local juvenile witness assistance programs;

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The Wise amendment that authorizes block grant funding for confidential toll-free school safety hotlines;

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The McCollum amendment that increases the consequences for juvenile offenders, requires enforcement of Federal firearms laws, limits criminal and juvenile access to firearms and explosives; and increases penalties for criminal use of firearms and explosives,

gang violence, and drug trafficking to minors (agreed to by a recorded vote of 249 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 211);

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Salmon amendment that transfers funds to states that convict a murderer, rapist, or child molester if the criminal had previously been convicted of one of these crimes in a different state (agreed to by a recorded vote of 412 ayes to 15 noes, Roll No. 212);

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Green of Wisconsin amendment that requires mandatory life imprisonment for repeat sex offenders against children.

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The Canady amendment that increases the age of minors from 16 to 18 with respect to the transportation and sale of obscene material;

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The Kelly amendment that increases the penalties for those who take a child hostage in order to evade arrest or obstruct justice;

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The Hutchinson amendment that makes it unlawful to transfer any firearm to a juvenile if the transferor has reason to believe it will be used in a school zone or in a serious violent felony;

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The Gallegly amendment that makes it a Federal crime to recruit persons who use interstate or foreign commerce to recruit another person to become a member of a criminal street gang;

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The Goss amendment that provides four new Federal district judges for the middle district of Florida, three for Arizona, and two for Nevada;

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The Traficant amendment, as modified, that provides that any state that does not have a law which suspends the drivers license of a juvenile who illegally possesses or commits a crime with a firearm shall lose 10 percent of its juvenile justice funding;

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The Meehan amendment that provides for the Secretary of the Treasury to expand the Youth Gun Crime Interdiction Initiative and requires an annual report on the types and sources of recovered crime guns and the number of investigations associated with the initiative;

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